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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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SUBJ: LIFTING OF POL EMBARGO

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0557

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1. ON JANUARY 23 AMBASSADOR USED OCCASION OF CALL ON DEFENSE MINISTER DAWEE TO STRESS CRITICAL NATURE OF SHORTAGE CREATED FOR LAOS AND CAMBODIA BY RTG OIL EXPORT EMBARGO. LETTER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENT BY AMBASSADOR TO MOFA TO GIVE SUPPORT TO REPRESENTATIONS BEING MADE BY LAOS AND CAMBODIAN AMBASSADORS TO URGE PROMPT ENDING OF EMBARGO. DCM HAD CONTACTED LAO AMBASSADOR EARLIER IN DAY ON SAME SUBJECT.

2. MOFA OFFICIAL JANUARY 24, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM ECON/CML COUNSELOR, STATED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE JANUARY 23 ABOUT IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF TRUCKS AND TANKS WAITING AT NONG KHAI BUT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT INSTRUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH
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DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS WHICH UNDER MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO

RELEASE THE SHIPMENT TO VIENTIANE. OIL COMPANIES OWNING THE GASOLINE ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF THIS SHIPMENT. MFA OFFICIAL EXPECTS GASOLINE TO MOVE ACROSS MEKONG BY JANUARY 25. ADDED THAT THAI AMBASSADOR VIENTIANE FULLY INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN.

3. CHIEF OF FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE OIL EXPORT CONTROL PROGRAM, SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ECON/CML COUNSELOR LATE JANUARY 24 THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO RELEASE THE GASOLINE ALREADY IN NONG KHAI THAT WAS DESTINED FOR VIENTIANE BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE POL EMBARGO. SAID INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT BY RADIO TO THE NONG KHAI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

4. SAME OFFICIAL STATED HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS MINISTER TO RELEASE POL FOR SHIPMENT TO CAMBODIA BUT HOPEFUL THEY WOULD ARRIVE SOON AND ONCE RECEIVED WOULD ACT IMMEDIATELY. SUBSEQUENTLY, THROUGH A MEMBER OF OIL COMMITTEE, EMBASSY OFFICER WAS INFORMED THAT A LETTER WAS ENROUTE JANUARY 24 FROM MINISTER OF INDUSTRY TO MINISTER OF COMMERCE AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF POL ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO CAMBODIA. OIL COMPANIES WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR SHIPMENT, AS FOR LAOS.

5. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED KHMER EMBASSY AND WAS INFORMED THAT NEW REQUIREMENT STATISTICS TOGETHER WITH RENEWED REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO RTG JANUARY 25. MFA OFFICIAL HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD ECON/CML COUNSELOR THAT ACTION ON KHMER REQUEST BEING DELAYED BY LACK OF "SUPPORTING SPECIFICATIONS". EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON DEVELOPMENTS.

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